Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of) File No.: EB-FIELDSCR-13-00009707
SIGA Broadcasting Corporation) NOV No.: V201332500068
Licensee of Station KFJZ) Facility ID: 23138
Fort Worth, Texas)

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Released: August 19, 2013

By the District Director, Dallas Office, South Central Region, Enforcement Bureau:

- 1. This is a Notice of Violation (Notice) issued pursuant to Section 1.89 of the Commission's rules (Rules)¹ to SIGA Broadcasting Corporation, licensee of AM Station KFJZ in Fort Worth, Texas. Pursuant to Section 1.89(a) of the Rules, issuance of this Notice does not preclude the Enforcement Bureau from further action if warranted, including issuing a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture for the violation(s) noted herein.²
- 2. On August 5, 2013, an agent of the Enforcement Bureau's Dallas Office inspected Station KFJZ's main studio and transmitter site in Fort Worth, TX, and observed the following violation(s):
 - a. 47 C.F.R. § 11.56: "Obligation to process [Common Alerting Protocol] CAP-formatted [Emergency Alert System] EAS messages. (a) On or by June 30, 2012 EAS participants must have deployed operational equipment that is capable of the following: (1) Acquiring EAS alert messages in accordance with the monitoring requirements in § 11.52(d)(2); (2) Converting EAS alert messages that have been formatted pursuant to the Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards (OASIS) Common Alerting Protocol..." At the time of inspection, Station KFJZ did not have the required CAP-formatted EAS equipment installed.

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¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.89.

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(a).

- 47 C.F.R. § 73.1745(a): "No broadcast station shall operate at times, or with b. modes or power, other than those specified and made a part of the license, unless otherwise provided in this part." On June 27, 2013, agents monitored Station KFJZ and observed that the Station continued operation after sunset. Station KFJZ is authorized for daytime operations only.
- 47 C.F.R. § 73.1870(c)(3): "The chief operator is responsible for completion c. of the following duties . . . Review of the station records at least once each week to determine if required entries are being made correctly. Additionally, verification must be made that the station has been operated as required by the rules or the station authorization. Upon completion of the review, the chief operator or his designee must date and sign the log, initiate any corrective action which may be necessary, and advise the station licensee of any condition which is repetitive." At the time of inspection, there was no indication that the EAS logs were being reviewed by the chief operator.
- As the nation's emergency warning system, the Emergency Alert System is critical to public safety, and we recognize the vital role that broadcasters play in ensuring its success. The Commission takes seriously any violations of the Rules implementing the EAS and expects full compliance from its licensees.
- Pursuant to Section 308(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,³ and Section 1.89 of the Rules, we seek additional information concerning the violations and any remedial actions taken. Therefore, SIGA Broadcasting Corporation must submit a written statement concerning this matter within twenty (20) days of release of this Notice. The response (i) must fully explain each violation, including all relevant surrounding facts and circumstances, (ii) must contain a statement of the specific action(s) taken to correct each violation and preclude recurrence, and (iii) must include a time line for completion of any pending corrective action(s). The response must be complete in itself and must not be abbreviated by reference to other communications or answers to other notices.⁴
- In accordance with Section 1.16 of the Rules, we direct SIGA Broadcasting Corporation to support its response to this Notice with an affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury, signed and dated by an authorized officer of SIGA Broadcasting Corporation with personal knowledge of the representations provided in SIGA Broadcasting Corporation's response, verifying the truth and accuracy of the information therein,⁵ and confirming that all of the information requested by this Notice which is in

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(c).

³ 47 U.S.C. § 308(b).

⁵ Section 1.16 of the Rules provides that "[a]ny document to be filed with the Federal Communications Commission and which is required by any law, rule or other regulation of the United States to be supported, evidenced, established or proved by a written sworn declaration, verification, certificate, statement, oath or affidavit by the person making the same, may be supported, evidenced, established or proved by the unsworn declaration, certification, verification, or statement in writing of such person Such declaration shall be subscribed by the declarant as true under penalty of perjury, and dated, in substantially the following form . . . : 'I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)'."

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the licensee's possession, custody, control, or knowledge has been produced. To knowingly and willfully make any false statement or conceal any material fact in reply to this Notice is punishable by fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the U.S. Code.⁶

6. All replies and documentation sent in response to this Notice should be marked with the File No. and NOV No. specified above, and mailed to the following address:

Federal Communications Commission Dallas Office 9330 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1170 Dallas, TX 75243

- 7. This Notice shall be sent to SIGA Broadcasting Corporation at its address of record.
- 8. The Privacy Act of 1974⁷ requires that we advise you that the Commission will use all relevant material information before it, including any information disclosed in your reply, to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure compliance.

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James D. Wells District Director Dallas District Office South Central Region Enforcement Bureau

⁴⁷ C.F.R. § 1.16.

⁶ 18 U.S.C. § 1001 et seq. See also 47 C.F.R. § 1.17.

⁷ P.L. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).